at Agartala and the other exclusively for handicapped women at Baroda are expected to start functioning during the next year.

(ii) Under the Ministry of *Welfare* vocational training is provided in the National Institute of Visually Handicapped in their training Centre for Adult Blind at Dehradun and the National Institute of Hearing Handicapped in their training Centre for Adult Deaf at Hyderabad.

(iii) Voluntary Organisations play a vital role in the field of education, training and rehabilitation of the disabled population. The Ministry of Welfare implements a Scheme which provides financial assistance to Voluntary Organisations engaged in rehabilitation of the disabled. About 200 Voluntary Organisations participate in this Scheme, of which a number of them provide suitable training to rehabilitate the disabled.

(b) The number of handicapped persons given training and rehabili tated by the vocational rehabilitation centres during 1985 and 1986 are as follows:

Year	No. of persons rehabilitated
1985	4990
1986	5871

No targets are fixed as the number of persons given training depends on the number of persons registered with the Vocational Rehabilitation Centres.

The number of handicapped persons given training by the training centres in National Institute of the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun and the National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped Bombay during 1985-86 and 1986-87 are as under:

	NTVH	NIHH
1985-86	77	104
1986-87	82	101

During the remaining period of the current Five Year Plan, 500 handicapped persons are expected to be given training in these Institutes.

As per information available, the number of handicapped persons given vocational training through the voluntary organisations assisted by the Government of India, is as follows:

1985-86	2392
1986-87	2866

Assurances to striking CPWD Workers

788. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent strike by the CPWD workers' in the capital had been withdrawn unconditionally on specific assurances given by the top functionaries of the Department;

(b) if so, what are the details of the assurances given to them; and

(c) what is the progress made so far in their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) The sfrike was withdrawn unconditionally by the CPWD Mazdoor Union. No assurance was given to them by the CPWD.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Flood Menace in Assam

789. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Minister of Surface Transport made an aerial survey and visited the flood hit areas of Assam recently;

(b) if so, what is his report about the extent of damage; and

(c) what long-term and short-term measures Government propose to take to curb the flood menace in Assam?